

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 are amended.

The rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Hiyokawa et al. (Hiyokawa), U.S. Patent No. 6,333,702, was appealed and the rejection of claims 2-4, 7-11, 13-15 and 17-24 was reversed. However, the rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 12 and 16 was affirmed.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to recite that the control device customizes the second memory and claim 12 is amended to recite the step of customizing a second memory location. Claims 1 and 12 are thus amended in order to describe the initialization as more of a customization of the device based on geographical parameters, as suggested in the paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7 of the Board's Decision.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Hiyokawa fails to disclose all of the features recited in claims 1 and 12 in view of the Board's suggested amendment. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 12 and 16 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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